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REMARKS

1. The recruits who recently arrived in the Delius Kaserne in Potsdam, began gun drill on 15 July 1950. A medical soldier said that 80 percent of the new recruits are of the 1933 class (1). The consumption of gasoline has been restricted for the artillery unit since 6 July 1950 (2). A sergeant said that trips with trucks must be authorized by the divisional headquarters in Wildpark. The artillery unit therefore uses Diesel-fueled German motor vehicles for the daily supply trips (3).
2. From 11 to 13 July 1950 about 90 Russian women wearing civilian clothes entered the Garde-Manon Kaserne about 9 a.m. daily. The women left the barracks at 3 p.m. Most of them went to the Neue Garten, and about 20 went to their billets in former residential blocks on Alexandrinenstrasse. About 80 soldiers who wore black-bordered red epaulets, and who were about 19 years old, marched into the installation on 14 July 1950. About 20 soldiers cleaned 20 pontoons lying on the shore of Jungfern Lake on 13 July 1950 (4).

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Comments:

- (1) It is doubted that the recruits who arrived in the spring and early summer of 1950 belong to the 1933 class. It is believed that the soldiers who arrived in the recent months belong partly to the 1929 class and partly to the 1930 class.
- (2) Similar measures were reported from Thuringia and Strausberg.

- (3) [redacted] it appears possible that an artillery divisional headquarters is in Potsdam-Wildpark. The 30th Gds Gun Arty Brig might also be subordinate to this headquarters. If this assumption is correct the 6th Arty Div in the Rathenow-Burg-Brandenburg area and another artillery division in the Potsdam area are assigned to the IV Arty Corps in Rathenow. In this case, two

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artillery brigades, the 30th Gds Gun Arty Brig and another artillery brigade, would be subordinate to the artillery divisional headquarters.

- (4) The soldiers and pontoons presumably belonged to the unidentified engineer regiment of the GOFK located in the Delius Kaserne.

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(5)

Of the officers mentioned, the following are known:

V.M. Sharov: Gds Lieutenant General; Chief of SCC Brandenburg.

According to a dispatch in the Telegraf newspaper of 8 June 1950, Lieutenant General Sharov was to be replaced by a civilian.

Pavlov, (fnu): Lieutenant Colonel, in April 1950 was reported, without rank, to be in charge of the Soviet Officers' Hotel in Wildpark-West.

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Ivashevski, (fnu): Major, reported to be economic officer at the SMA, now SCC of Land Brandenburg.

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Gasparyan, (fnu): Major, reported as a captain in connection with a dispensary of the SMA, now SCC, Potsdam.

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